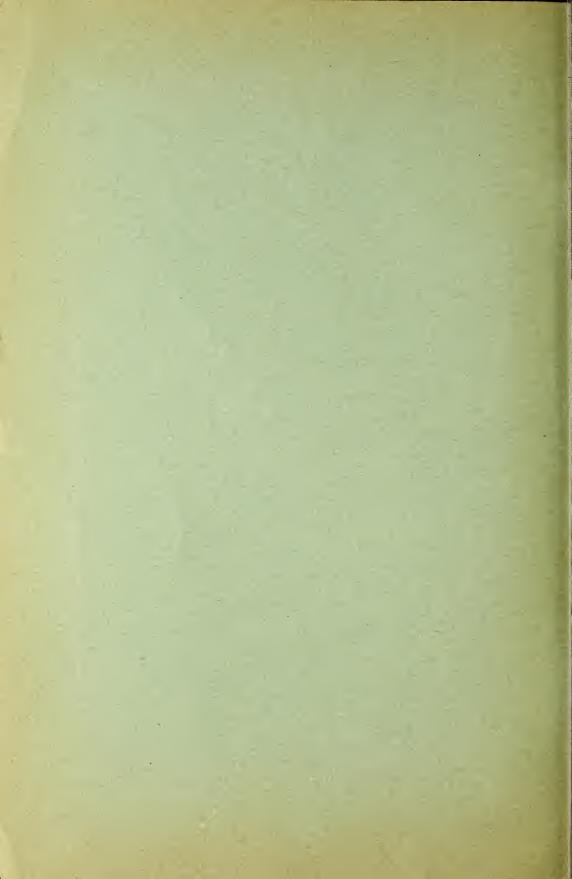
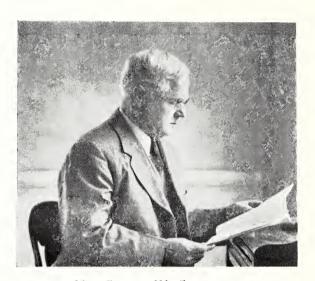
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

PENACOOK UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

1947







Mr. George W. Sumner

To Mr. Summer we owe our gratitude and praise for his long service as Superintendent of Penacook Schools. Practicing democracy in his administration did much to develop strong pupils and teachers. His understanding in dealing with parents and his sincerity in working with Boards of Education gave him their respect. We extend our best wishes to him during his well earned retirement.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Report

of

PENACOOK UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Penacook, New Hampshire

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1946

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SCHOOL DIRECTORY

February 1, 1947

FRANK BEEDE, Chairman,	Term	expires	March	1947
CLAIRE V. BRECKELL, Secretary,	Term	expires	March	1947
JAMES J. HAYES,	Term	expires	March	1948
ALFRED J. YORK,	Term	expires	March	1948
BEATRICE E. PETTES,	Term	expires	March	1949
EDWARD YORK,	Term	expires	March	1949

Regular meetings at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, on the third Monday of each calendar month, except June, July and August at 7:30 p. m.

District Officers

HARRY MATOTT, Moderator JANE RIVET, Clerk WYNNE H. FOWLER, Treasurer

Auditors

FRED C. ABBOTT

HARRY MATOTT

HAZEN C. FRAZEE

Superintendent of Schools

FRED W. SNELL

Office at the Summer Street School Building, rear entrance. Office is open on all school days from 8:30 to 12:00 and from 1:15 to 4:30. Appointments for conference with the Superintendent can be made through the Clerk, Emma S. McGirr.

Truant Officer

HERBERT L. BILLINGS

School Nurse

MARY E. ORMSBEE, R. N.

TEACHERS

High School

GEORGE RANDALL, Headmaster,
GEORGE SULLIVAN, Submaster,
VICTOR BOCCIA,
MARY KACHAVOS,
DAVID KNECHT,
MATILDA MCDONOUGH,
PRESTON ROLFE,

CHARLOTTE RUTH, RITA SERLICK, Mathematics
History and Social Sciences
Mechanic Arts
Home Economics and Science
Science
Commercial Subjects
Drawing, Mathematics and
Science
English and Latin
English, French and Spanish

Summer Street School

HELEN M. QUINN, Principal,	Grades 7 and 8
JOSEPH P. CANNISTRARO,	Grades 7 and 8
SUSAN E. ARMS,	Grade 6
ANNA J. SPEARMAN,	Grade 5

Charles Street School

DOROTHEA R. WARD, Principal,	Grade 4
DOROTHY M. BURNHAM,	Grade 3
KATHARINE J. TOOMEY,	Grade 2
WINIFRED C. ACKERMAN,	Grade 1

Supervisor of Music MARTHA F. GALE

Janitors

GEORGE H. MATOTT HERBERT L. BILLINGS

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Penacook Union School District in the City of Concord, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Exchange Hall in said district on the 27th day of March 1947, at six o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3. To choose two members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
 - 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
- 6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- 8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
- 9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to defray a deficit for the current school year.

- 10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$3,700.00) for paying the employees of the district a bonus for the current year.
- 11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the support of high school athletics.
- 12. To see if the district will vote to build a new Auditorium-Gymnasium.
- 13. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to accept funds from the Federal Works Agency and to make necessary contracts for the preparation of plans and specifications for a New Auditorium-Gymnasium in accordance with Title V of the War Mobilization and Reconversion, Act of 1944.
- 14. To see if the district will authorize the school board to contact the appropriate federal agency for any funds available for school plant construction and to accept any and all offers made in the form of grants to districts for the purposes of improving school plant.
- 15. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Penacook, this 10th day of March, 1947.

JAMES J. HAYES, BEATRICE E. PETTES, ALFRED J. YORK, FRANK BEEDE, EDWARD H. YORK, CLAIRE V. BRECKELL,

School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salary of district officers:	
Treasurer	\$50.00
Board of Education	190.00
Clerk, Moderator and 3 Auditors	
(\$5.00 each)	25.00
Superintendent's salary	748.00
Truant officers' salary and census	75.00
Expenses of administration	925.00
Teachers' salaries	36,100.00
Text books	1,000.00
Scholars' supplies	1,500.00
Flags and appurtenances	15.00
Other expenses of instruction	600.00
Janitor service	3,200.00
Fuel	2,000.00
Water, light, and janitors' supplies	750.00
Minor repairs	1,800.00
Health Supervision	450.00
Transportation of pupils	600.00
Other special activities	500.00
Per capita tax for state-wide supervisi	ion 630.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	1,500.00
New equipment	2,000.00
Principal of debt	2,000.00
Interest on debt	630.00

Total budget

\$57,288.00

Estimated Revenue Tuition Dog taxes	\$6,500.00 150.00	
-		\$6,650.00
Total to be raised for 1947-48	-	\$50,638.00
Under Article 9		
Deficit for 1946-47		\$1,500.00
Under Article 10		
Bonus for 1946-47		3,700.00
Under Article 11		
Support of high school athletics		300.00
Grand Total		\$56,138.00

In accordance with the estimates in the above table, we recommend that the district raise the following amounts:

Under Article 8:

For the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. (This includes the amount required by law)

\$50,638.00

Under Article 9: Deficit for 1946-1947

1,500.00

Under Article 10: Bonus for 1946-47

3,700.00

Under Article 11:

Support of high school athletics

300.00

Total

\$56,138.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK BEEDE, CLAIRE V. BRECKELL, JAMES J. HAYES, ALFRED J. YORK, BEATRICE E. PETTES, EDWARD YORK,

Board of Education.

RECEIPTS, JULY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

Income	From	Local	l axation:	
Raised	l Marc	ch, 194	1 5	

 Raised March, 1945
 \$32,910.56

 Bonus 1945-46, Voted March 1946
 2,812.50

 Deficiency Appropriation
 2,734.00

 Retirement
 218.00

 Overdraft to June 30
 2,641.81

Total \$41,316.87

From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog licenses	\$181.88
Elementary school tuition	16.10
High school tuitions	4,888.46
Income from Walker fund	1.25
Reimbursement from federal agencies	774.4 5
Milk	1,235.42
Other receipts (Blue Cross, Super-	
visory Union bills, supplies)	1,086.95

Total	\$8,184.51
Total receipts from all sources Cash on hand, July 1, 1945	\$49,501.38 3,290.14
GRAND TOTAL	\$52,791.52

PAYMENTS, JULY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

		Gross Pay- ments	Sales and Reimburse- ments	Net Pay- ments
Admin	istration:			
1.	Salaries of dist.			
	officers	\$265.00		\$265.00
2.	Superintendent's sala	ary 569.33		569.33
3.	Truant officer and s	chool		
	census	48.33		48.33
4.	Exp. of administ'n	1,663.76	\$813.62	850.14
Instru	ction:			
	/D 1 1 1 1	20.065.05		20.067.07
	Teachers' salaries	•		29,967.27
	Text books	548.26	215.07	548.26
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o. 9.	Flags and appurtena Other expenses of	inces 5.51		3.31
٦.	instruction	448.51		448.51
	mstruction	110.51		110.51
Opera	tion and Maintenance School Plant:	of		
10	Janitor service	2,756.09		2,756.09
11.	•	1,818.39		1,818.39
12.		1,010.05		1,010.05
	janitors' supplies	s 661.21		661.21
13.	Minor repairs & exp			2,134.23
Auxili	ary Agencies and Spe Activities:	ecial		
14.	Medical inspection	408.21		408.21
	Transportat'n of pur	oils 507.50		507.50

	I ENACOCK C	WOW SCHOOL	DISTRICT	
18.	Other special activities	2,253.57	2,009.87	243.70
Fixed	Charges:			
19. 20.	Tax for state-wick supervision Ins. and other fixed	606.00		606.00
20.	charges	79 7 .19		797.19
Outlay	for Construction	and		
23.	Equipment: New equipment	615.25		615.25
Debt, Interest and Other Charges:				
24.	Payments of prin	cipal of		
	debt	2,000.00		2,000.00
25.	Payments of inter	est on		
	debt	750.00		750.00
29.	Blue Cross	57.00	57.00	
Total 1	payments for all	***************************************		
-	irposes	\$50,127.09	\$3,095.56	\$47,031.53
	on hand, June 30, 146	2,664.43		

BALANCE SHEET

I	une	30,	1946

Assets

C 1		1 1	
Cash	On	hand	4

Balance June 30, 1946

\$2,664.43

Accounts due the district:

Andover School District (S. U. bill)	270.51
Salisbury School District (S. U. bill)	<i>77</i> .64
Wilmot School District (S. U. bill)	78.36
Canterbury (Tuition)	281.55
Barnstead (Tuition)	40.20
From Federal Agencies (Milk)	137.66

Total Assets	\$3,550.3			
Excess of liabilities over assets	23,091.46			

GRAND TOTAL

\$26,641.81

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by district:

Advance by City of Concord	\$2,641.81				
Bonds outstanding Total Liabilities	24,000.00				
Total Liabilities	\$26,641.81				
GRAND TOTAL	\$26,641.81				

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Cash on hand June 30, 1945 Received from City of Concord:		\$3,290.14
Taxes Dog Tax Income from Walker Fund Federal reimbursements (milk) Received from all other sources	\$41,316.87 181.88 1.25 774.45 7,226.93	
		\$49,501.38
Total amount available for fiscal year Less School Board orders paid	· ·	\$52,791.52 50,127.09
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1946	-	\$2,664.43

WYNNE H. FOWLER,

District Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Penacook, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

FRED C. ABBOTT, HARRY W. MATOTT, HAZEN C. FRAZEE,

Auditors.

January 24, 1947.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To Board of Education and Citizens of Penacook Union School District:

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools.

Because of the coverage given the various buildings in the district by the Principals and Headmaster I should like to make my report of a more general type concerning the education of the youth in our district.

First and foremost in the educational field must, of necessity, be the CHILD; his development and his welfare. In order that he be able to develop to the fullest and enjoy the best from our educational set-up he should be given the best possible conditions under which to work and the best possible teachers to guide his thinking for he is the future citizen of our world.

With this aim in view I should like to bring out these two points, namely: school plant and teaching personnel.

The enrollment in our schools is on the increase and in the very near future we will find ourselves faced with inadequate facilities to house our youth. Already this lack has made itself apparent at the Summer Street School. At the beginning of the school year the combination grade of 7 and 8 was much too large for one teacher to handle effectively. We were fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. Joseph Cannistraro who has assisted in the morning session and in this way has alleviated the heavy load that Miss Quinn was handling. This move, however, necessitated the use of the Music and Lunch room to conduct the classes. Another school year will find this room being used wholly as a classroom since it will become necessary to employ a full time teacher for grades 7 and 8.

Serious consideration should be given in our future plans for the consolidation of our elementary schools into a modern and adequate plant to serve the needs of the youth of the community.

The district lacks a suitable hall for the conduction of plays, games, physical education, graduation exercises and other school activities. These activities are becoming more and more a part of the educational life of our boys and girls.

I am convinced that the time has come for the district to give considerable thought and take favorable action on steps necessary to bring about the fruition of the proposed gymnasium-auditorium. Your boys and girls deserve an adequate place in which to enjoy these extra curricular activities of the whole school life.

Going hand in hand with the adequacy of our school plant is the desirability of increasing the effectiveness of our teaching. This may be brought about by, first, paying the teachers an adequate wage in order that they may live a normal live and be able to pursue courses of studies at the summer sessions of colleges and universities in order to keep up with the times in the field of education; secondly, by keeping at all times a staff of experienced teachers or at least teachers with sufficient training to make them efficient and effective in their teaching. Much has been written concerning the salaries of teachers and since the teachers are one of the greatest factors in shaping the life of our future citizens do we dare entrust that charge to poorly paid, untrained and unefficient personnel? I am confident that you, the voters of the district will say no to that question and will vote an adequate sum of money for the retention of our teaching personnel.

A movement which has been gaining impetus throughout the nation is the inclusion in our educational system of a kindergarten. Serious consideration should be given to the inclusion of this feature in our future plans of building for the district.

In order that our schools work more closely together and on a somewhat similar schedule of opening and closing I should like to make the following recommendation. That you give serious consideration to the starting time of schools for the coming year and the widespread differential be done away with by having the schools start at the same time. This will work to the advantage of parents who have children in the three schools and will also make for a more uniform school day for all pupils.

It is only through the cooperative efforts of all concerned with our schools that we will be able to make progress toward that goal for which we are all working; the complete education of the whole child. Therefore, may I suggest that the parents, teachers, and interested persons get together more frequently to discuss your common problems—the child.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Education, teachers, and citizens who have been so helpful in this my first year as your superintendent. May our future years be as pleasant and as cooperative and fruitful as has been the first.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. SNELL.

REPORT OF HEADMASTER OF PENACOOK HIGH SCHOOL

February 10, 1947.

To the Superintendent:

Pupils and staff join me in expressing our appreciation of your early and helpful understanding of our problems and aid in solving them.

A statement of things done, already well known to you, would be a waste of time and paper. The newspaper accounts of school activities are in enough detail to keep the public informed of such.

Of value to you, the board of education and the voters of the district would be a discussion of problems yet to be solved.

The need for an auditorium-gymnasium is more apparent each year. With all expenses connected with athletics higher than ever before, and with the 20% admissions tax still in force, and with the very limited revenue from basketball games at our rented hall, the need for financial aid to carry basketball and to equip all teams is urgent. The inclusion of an item in this year's warrant is encouraging.

The expanded noon lunch program has taxed the home economics kitchen nearly to the limit. Next September, with high school cooking classes needing the use of the kitchen for two hours or more daily, additional space for preparing noon lunches will be needed. The possibility of serving all the elementary schools in their own buildings should be explored.

The gradual building up of shop and laboratory equipment at the expense of the district has been aided by the receipt of some very useful surplus property from the federal government.

The building continues to be used by community organizations at a minimum cost to the district. We appreciate the difficulties facing the Board of Education in this particular school district during a period of rapidly rising costs. Until such time as each school child here has as much taxable wealth back of him here as in the rest of the city of Concord, the tax rate will always be higher even though the cost per pupil is lower. Our young people are not to blame for this inequity and should not have their education curtailed in quality nor in quantity because of it.

May I close with paragraph quoted from the New Hampshire State Teachers' Association Bulletin for January, 1947: "A teacher's salary must do more than provide a minimum of bread and butter. It must provide for relaxation, for re-education, for medical and social security; it should enable him to educate his children adequately; it should free his classroom hours from the worries of finances and outside work." It should be high enough to serve as a stimulus to cause some of the most capable of each graduating class to choose teaching as their vocation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. RANDALL,

Headmaster.

February 14, 1947.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF SUMMER STREET SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Since the last report of Summer Street School, a part time teacher has been added to the staff in our building. The ever-increasing number of pupils in the seventh and eighth grades, made it necessary to secure the services of an assistant. In considering the enrollment of each grade at the present and the expectancy of larger classes in the future, one can understand the great need of a full time teacher. Where the pupil load is too great, there can be very little attention given to individual differences among the children. With another faculty member, more time can be devoted to guidance work, the testing of pupils, and extra-curricula activities.

Our school lunch program began November 4, 1946. We have an average of thirty-seven boys and girls taking this hot meal daily. The children and teachers are very appreciative to be a part of the program this year. The food is prepared at the high school and through the use of a mobile unit is brought to our building. This plan has worked very well. The pupil cost is fifteen cents per meal. One can realize that this is not the actual cost of the food. In almost every case, the individual child has greatly benefited by this hot meal, physically, scholastically, and socially. We cannot adequately express our thanks to Miss Mary Kachavos, Mrs. Beatrice Pettes, and Mrs. Jane Frary, who help conduct this program. We also express our appreciation to the Board of Education, who so whole-heartedly backed the plan when it was first proposed.

With the opening of another classroom, it is suggested that a study be made for a more adequate lunch room in our building for the coming year. It can be pointed out, at this time, that in connection with this program we need more and better tables. Parents and friends, who are interested in the welfare of our boys and girls, could do much to promote this worthwhile project. The W. I. Brown Women's Relief Corps, No. 46, has already aided the program substantially with money and some equipment. To them we extend our thanks. In visiting your schools, it would be time well spent, to observe this undertaking in operation.

We returned to school in September to find many improvements in the building. All the classrooms and the greater part of the interior had been cleaned and painted. Broken side walls in three rooms and an old ceiling in the lower hallway were replaced by new ones. At the same time, the electric lighting in the same hallway was re-arranged for greater and better visibility.

During the time Mr. F. Lester Trafton was superintendent in our schools, each child was given an intelligence and an achievement test. The results of these gave valuable information to the teacher which she might use in helping her boys and girls. This year, Mr. Fred Snell, our superintendent, intends to carry on this work by a continuation of such testing. It is hoped that a noticeable improvement will be made in the work and attainment of our pupils.

The teachers are attending a Reading course conducted by Miss Mary Hayes, Supervisor of Concord teachers.

During American Education Week our school held "open house" for the entire period. Parents and friends visited the children in their classrooms. Such visits are appreciated by pupils and teachers and add greater enthusiasm and inspiration to their undertakings.

It has been suggested that a new time schedule be planned for both elementary schools, whereby, Summer Street and Charles Street begin and close at the same time. It is felt that the parents having children attending both schools would be greatly aided by this arrangement. To the School Board, parents, and friends, we wish to express our thanks for your loyalty and splendid spirit of co-operation. To our new superintendent, Mr. Fred Snell, the teachers and pupils extend a cordial welcome. We assure you of our support in return for the interest you have shown in all our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. QUINN,

Principal.

February 15, 1947.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF CHARLES STREET SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In submitting the report for the Charles Street School for the current year. I should like to deal with the future policies of the school and its educational standards. Although all schools in an educational system are important in the field of work which they cover, it is so very essential that we, in the lower grades, provide a firm foundation on which the other schools may build. Without that foundation, all the rest of the educational structure will be weak and of no lasting value. Our educational philosophy should embody the ideals of providing our children with the equipment and tools that will make them the future leaders of our community and country. Never before in the history of our country have we needed to strengthen our youth as we have today so that they will lead the world in clear thinking and honest endeavor. From the minute the child enters our schools we should be building toward that end. What can we do? There are many opportunities for our youth here in Penacook. While it is true that education costs money, can we afford not to give our children the best? It is for the taxpayers to decide.

With these thoughts in mind, I again submit to the people of our community the need for a kindergarten or a subprimary class. As it stands now, our plant is not equipped for an undertaking of this sort, but it is not entirely impossible. Yankee ingenuity and the whole-hearted cooperation of persons vitally interested in the schools, plus a dash of courage, could do much to start this program on its way. A class of this sort should be instructed by a highly competent person who would also be capable of doing remedial teaching in the afternoon should the need arise.

It took careful planning, foresight, and sincere cooperation to build up our hot lunch program. There were many

problems to meet and solve, but now we have a program of which we may be justly proud. There is no doubt that the parents have received it enthusiastically. We all owe a vote of thanks to Miss Kachavos and her team of co-workers, Mrs. Arthur Frary and Mrs. Herbert Pettes, for the splendid meals which are being served. On behalf of our school, I wish to further express my thanks to the now disbanded Women's Relief Corps for the generous gift of money and equipment. It has been suggested that other organizations might find it worthwhile to preserve any surplus foods its members might have during the summer and donate them to our cause. They would be most certainly appreciated. While our program is working smoothly and efficiently, I would like to suggest that the time has come when we should start planning to serve the Charles Street children in their own building. This could be worked out verv easily.

In the last report, the desire for a better testing of the pupils was expressed. Under Mr. Trafton's supervision, this program was started, and is to be continued by Mr. Snell. We feel that testing gives us better over-all picture of a child's mental capacities and achievements. During the course of the years to come, if good use is made of the knowledge gained through such testing, there will be better child teaching rather than grade or subject teaching.

On behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Charles Street School, let me express our thanks to you, Mr. Snell, and the Board of Education, for the splendid cooperation you have given us. You have always backed our reasonable demands and helped us in all ways to build a better school system. We assure you that you have our support and our understanding of the problems which face you.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHEA R. WARD.

February 17, 1947

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In a recent meeting of the Executive Board of our New Hampshire Educators Association held at the Rockingham Hotel in Portsmouth, Miss Ruth Sawyer, our president, closed her report with the following quotation from a letter sent by Dr. Edgar Fuller, our State Commissioner of Education:—"After a person learns to read and write a little, I think nothing is more important for his education than an appreciation and understanding of music."

Splendid radio programs are provided for young people and adults. "The Story of Music" a feature of the NBC University of the Air and "Gateways to Music" are exceptionally fine and since the later comes at 5 to 5:30, a number of our students are listening in. Opera broadcasts on Saturday afternoons are familiarizing thousands who have never before known any of this splendid music.

Some of the money earned by giving operettas by the Charles and Summer Street School pupils, purchased electric phonographs for those schools. Records are in bad condition and should be replaced and others added for our work in music appreciation.

The children in the Charles Street School are making booklets and illustrating with pictures the records they are studying.

The names of nineteen of our glee club members who were eager to sing in the All State Chorus in the spring concert, were sent to the committee, but since the number for the whole state was limited to 235, only five of our students were accepted, two being tenors. "Send us tenors", cried the chorus committee and "Send us fiddlers" said the orchestra committee. William Arms will again play with the All State Orchestra.

It has long been the dream of Mr. Charles Woodbury,

supervisor in Keene schools, to have a summer music camp, and it looks as though that dream were to be realized since plans are underway to have such a camp at Durham this summer, where interested young people, high school students and eighth graders, may have a fine opportunity for two weeks to study music and to also have a good time. I hope many may be able to go from our schools. We are sending names of glee club members and of eighth grade students and they will later receive letters giving the plan in detail.

We are fortunate to have in our midst a splendid violinist, Mr. Carl Stewartson, who was formerly a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has already begun classes in violin playing as well as giving private lessons. Viola and 'cello pupils will be fortunate to have him as a teacher.

I wish similar classes in wind instruments might be open to our children. A few years ago such classes were started but teachers of these instruments got discouraged because of lack of interest and gave up the work. Perhaps the time is now ripe for such group work that is being offered in many towns.

It is gratifying to me that many of our students are serving their community by singing in their church choirs.

I want our superintendent, our school board, our headmaster, our teachers, the parents and my very able and efficient assistant, Mrs. Arms, to know how deeply I appreciate their interest and help.

Very sincerely,

MARTHA F. GALE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit a report of the Health Program of the Penacook Schools from February 1st, 1946 to February 1st, 1947.

The epidemic of Polio in the late summer months prevented the opening of schools on the regular scheduled date, but September 16th found the girls and boys back at their desks, clean and well clothed and the Parents and Teachers thankful that the dreaded scourge had not affected our town children.

The work among the pre-school group during the summer months prepared many of the beginners for their fall work. Vaccinations were not required until November but all were vaccinated by December and the cards recorded at the City Hall as required by the Board of Health.

The annual examinations were made by the nurse during the fall months and it was found that a majority had received dental care and many had appointments, which shows educational progress and a real desire on the part of the parents to give the best to their families.

All schools were visited as regularly as the bedside work permitted and the teachers felt free to call the nurse in an emergency.

Sixty-one home calls were made where prolonged absences were thought unnecessary and to see that sick children were receiving proper care and fourteen sick pupils were transported home.

First aid kits were refilled and Cod Liver Oil given to eight families through the Thornton Fund. Clothing was also provided by this fund.

There have been few epidemics, but one chicken pox in April and one of measles in November affected the Charles Street attendance.

Milk and hot lunches have been served to all needing them and the Thanksgiving dinner provided by our School Board Chairman was enjoyed by children and others attending.

The use of Fluorine for the prevention of teeth decay has been promised in April by Dr. Dwyer, Chairman of the State Dental Program.

I wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation and all who have helped in the School Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. ORMSBEE, R. N., School Nurse.

PENACOOK HIGH SCHOOL

Class Roll of 1946

Elizabeth A. Bailey
Marguerite M. Barney
Harold W. Bean, Jr.
Robert J. P. Cassavaugh
Paul L. Costa
Theresa R. Cournoyer
Stuart D. Fifield
Walter J. Gardiner
Kenneth O. Hardy
Alice M. Hayes
Lena E. Heath
Harlan W. Hoyt
Mark Huckins
James A. Kelso, Jr.

Philip J. Kenney
Barbara A. Labonty
M. Annette LaClair
Margaret M. Lafford
Sylvia L. Loan
Arlene E. Morris
Norma A. Nerbonne
C. Theresa Pappas
Nicholas J. Pappas
Jean E. Pettes
Rosemary E. Pratt
Walter T. Rayno
Jackaleen M. Sleeper
Estelle M. Supry

Peter A. Vassillion

As of Class of 1936 Patricia Stefanides

As of Class of 1944 Kenneth E. Folsom

Leonard L. Littlefield

PENACOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Class Roll of 1946

Ethel A. Ashland Katherine E. Bellman Wendell J. Butt, Jr. Barbara J. Cochrane Robert J. Cochrane Margaret E. Fifield Wesley G. Frost Carole Lee Grant Lila S. Jackson Nancy W. Jones Wilbur M. Oakes Robert E. Pearson Virginia L. Perkins Marjorie K. Pettes David G. Runnells Alan Steenbergen

Beverly A. White

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Pupils not absent or tardy for the school year ending June 30, 1946.

Summer Street School

Grade 5: Aaron Steenbergen.Grade 6: Donald Randall.Grade 8: Robert Cochrane.Grade 8: Alan Steenbergen.

High School

Grade 9: Lewis Fitts.

Grade 11: Thomas McShane.

THE "NO SCHOOL" SIGNAL

Two blasts of the Pioneer fire alarm whistle given three times (2-2-2), and the same number of blasts of the siren on the Torrent Hose House, is the signal for closing schools for one session. Its meaning depends on the time of sounding.

When sounded at 7:30 in the morning, ALL SCHOOLS in Penacook will be closed for the forenoon session.

When sounded at 8:00 o'clock, grades one, two, three and four will be closed for the forenoon session.

When sounded at 11:45, ALL SCHOOLS will be closed for the afternoon session.

When sounded at 12:15, grades one, two, three and four will be closed for the afternoon session.

NO SCHOOL will be announced from the Concord Radio Station WKXL around 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1947-1948

Second term of 7 weeks opened Second term closed	Monday, Dec. 30, 1946 Friday, Feb. 14, 1947
Vacation one week	
Third term of 16 weeks opened Third term closes	Monday, Feb. 24, 1947 Friday, June 13, 1947
High School Graduation	Thursday, June 12, 1947
Summer vacation	
First term of 16 weeks opens First term closes	Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1947 Friday, Dec. 19, 1947
Vacation two weeks	
Second term of 7 weeks opens Second term closes	Monday, Jan. 5, 1948 Friday, Feb. 20, 1948
Vacation one week	
Third term of 7 weeks opens Third term closes	Monday, Mar. 1, 1948 Friday, Apr. 16, 1948
Vacation one week	
Fourth term of 7 weeks opens Fourth term closes	Monday, Apr. 26, 1948 Friday, June 11, 1948
High School Graduation	Thursday, June 10, 1948

Schools will be closed on Columbus Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Good Friday afternoon, Fast Day and Memorial Day.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946

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No. of visits by others		32	56	14	23	21	31	39	29	245
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Average daily ence		2.692	1.355	2.057	1.725	1.550	1.791	3.059	11.541	25.740
Average daily attendance		23.903	22.900	22.409	23.445	19.750	26.669	36.229	126.982	302.287
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hole no lifferent pupils gistered	Boys	16	11	17	17	6	20	15	80	185 197
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Length of school in weeks		36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
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